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PRESIDENT: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, some questions were raised about who is going to take care of these doctors when they return here. I just have been in conversation with a couple of constituents at Sutherland and these men have assured me that they will see that the two doctors that are assigned to Sutherland will be taken care of by the community....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Rumery. The noise in here is really something today. Could we have a little more order for Senator Rumery and those who follow him. Please keep the noise down somewhat.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to say, again, that the people in Sutherland have assured me that they will take care of the two physicians that are to come to their town until such time that they have had an opportunity to prepare for the state examinations which people have said will take approximately six months, and then, of course, at the end of the six months, if they are successful in obtaining their Nebraska license, they will be on their own.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, Mr. Chairman, obviously, we have sent three of our members on a fact finding, information seeking authority and I think that the Executive Board and the Inter-government Committee had the full right and responsibility to do that. The Resolution we have before you is simply to determine whether or not there are doctors available. See if there are communities who wish to support them, and if they are sufficiently qualified, to see if they have a desire to being located in Nebraska. Obviously, this is no different than any other legislative matter that we would approach. When we had people going to the malpractice seminar in Washington, that wasn't to bring malpractice back to Nebraska or vice versa. That was to seek information. I think the Executive Board was fully authorized and fully responsible in acting in the interest of this Legislature in this very critical field. I am appalled that one would think there would be acts contrary. I would hope that communities that want doctors to come in there, notwithstanding Senator Clark's comments, that they would be in the position to accept them or reject them. All the Legislature is doing and all the Board did was to send them out to find out whether qualified, if there are those that desire to come back, and to make suitable contacts and I see nothing wrong and I think the procedure was absolutely correct.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: I think this subject has pretty well been discussed, and whether we vote to accept the Resolution or whether we reject it, I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? The question is, shall debate cease? The question is, shall debate cease on the question of the Resolution? Have you voted? Record.